

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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Plaintiff,                 )                           8:20CR258  
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vs.                         )  
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CHRISTOPHER J. FERNANDEZ, )                           ORDER  
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Defendant.                 )

This matter is before the court on the defendant's Motion to Continue Trial [51]. Plea negotiations are on-going, and the parties need additional time to resolve this matter short of trial. For good cause shown,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Motion to Continue Trial [51] is granted, as follows:

1. The jury trial, now set for February 1, 2022, is continued to **April 19, 2022**.
2. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the court finds that the ends of justice will be served by granting this continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Any additional time arising as a result of the granting of this motion, that is, the time between **today's date and April 19, 2022**, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirement of the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) & (B)(iv).
3. **No further continuances will be granted without counsel for the parties requesting a hearing before the undersigned magistrate judge.**

**DATED: January 21, 2022**

**BY THE COURT:**

**s/ Michael D. Nelson  
United States Magistrate Judge**